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# BOYS' and GIRLS' CLUB WORK

## 4-H CLUB SONG BOOK

### EXTENSION SERVICE

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## 1. America

1.

My country 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrims Pride!  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring!

My native Country, thee  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song.  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our King!



2.

## 2. The Star-Spangled Banner

(Key of B flat)

Oh say! can you see, by the dawn's  
early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the  
twilight's last gleaming.  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so  
gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs  
bursting in air  
Gave proof thro' the night that our  
flag was still there,  
Oh say, does the star-spangled banner  
yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home  
of the brave?

Oh thus be it ever when freemen shall  
stand  
Between their lov'd home and the wild  
war's desolation;  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the  
heav'n rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and  
preserv'd us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause  
it is just,  
And this be our motto, "In God is our  
trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph  
shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home  
of the brave!



### 3. Club Greeting Song

3.

How do you do, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you do?  
Is there anything that we can do for you?  
We'll do the best we can.  
Stand by you like a man.  
How do you do, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you do?

### 4. Hail! Hail!

Hail! Hail!  
The gang's all here  
Boys' and girls' in club work  
Bet'cha we can all work.  
Hail! Hail!  
The gang's all here  
We're all doing club work now.

### 5. South Dakota Club Song

You may sing of your Nebraska  
You may sing of Iowa too,  
You can name a lengthy list of blessings  
That the Lord has never given you.  
There is just one state in all the Union  
From North to South, from East to West,  
That was made for men to really live in,  
South Dakota we love you best.

### 6. Oh! It Ain't Going to Rain no More

Oh! It ain't going to rain no more, no more  
It ain't going to rain no more  
How in the world do the old folks know  
It ain't going to rain no more.



4.

## 7. Mistress Shady

(Key of D flat)

O Mistress Shady, she is a lady;  
She has a daughter whom I adore,  
Each day I court her  
I mean the daughter,  
Every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday,  
Afternoon at half-past four.

## 8. 4-H Tells 'em Song

Oh! We are Club Members,  
We come from South Dakota,  
We play the Achievement Game there  
When we walk down the street  
All the people we meet  
They ask us--How we came to be there.  
(Spoken)--And I tells 'em.

We're known as the Coyotes  
We live on the prairies  
We work on the farms over there!  
When we walk down the street  
All the people we meet  
They ask us--How we came to be there.  
(Spoken)--And I tells 'em.

## 9. Hike Song

(Tune: Glory Halleluah)

We'll hike, hike, hike along the Club Turnpike,  
We'll hike, hike, hike along the Club Turnpike,  
We'll hike, hike, hike along the Club Turnpike  
Club Achievement is our goal.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,  
Glory, glory, hallelujah,  
Glory, glory, hallelujah,  
As we go hiking on.



## 10. Taps

5.

(U. S. Army Bugle Call)

Fading light dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright,  
From afar drawing nigh,  
Falls the night.

Dear one, rest! In the West  
Sable night lulls the day on her breast;  
Sweet, good-night! Now away,  
To my rest.

Love, sweet dreams! Lo, the beams,  
Of the light fairy moon kiss the streams;  
Love, good night! Ah, too soon,  
Peaceful dreams!

## 11. Oh Me! Oh My!

Oh me! Oh my!  
We'll get there and by  
If anybody loves their club work  
Its I, I, I, I, I!

(Repeat first verse)

Oh my! Oh me!  
We're as happy as can be  
If anybody loves their club work  
Its we, we, we, we, we.

## 12. Honor Song

(Tune: Chorus, Boola, Boola)

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

We are singing,  
Praises ringing,  
We shall never  
Know your equal.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Here's to you!



6. 13. Old McDonald had a Farm

Old McDonald had a farm,  
Ee-igh, ee-igh, O  
On this farm he had some chicks,  
Ee-igh, ee-igh, O  
And a chick-chick here  
And a chick-chick there.  
Here a chick, there a chick  
Every where a chick-chick  
Old McDonald had a farm,  
Ee-igh, ee-igh, O.

(Repeat with ducks, turkeys, donkey, Ford,  
repeating backward, adding each stanza.)

14. He Ain't got no Style

They say Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
He ain't got no style,  
He's style all the while,  
He's style all the while.  
They say Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
He ain't got no style.  
He's style all the while,  
all the while.

15. S-M-I-L-E

(Tune: John Brown's Body)

It isn't any trouble just to s-m-i-l-e  
It isn't any trouble just to s-m-i-l-e  
Smile when you have trouble  
It will vanish like a bubble  
If you only take the trouble just to s-m-i-l-e.

(Repeat using laugh)



## 16. South Dakota Club Song

(Tune: I've Been Work'in on De Railroad

7.

We've been working for South Dakota  
All the live long day  
We've been working for South Dakota  
In the good old coyote way  
Don't you hear those huskies calling  
Off across the plain?  
Look out for South Dakota's trusties  
For they'll fight for hêr with might and main.

We've been working for our club team  
All the live long day  
We've been working for our club team  
In the good old club folk way  
Don't you hear our club songs ringing  
Off across the plain?  
Lookout for South Dakota's club teams  
For they demonstrate with might and main.

## 17. 4-H Club-Mobile

(Tune: Old Gray Mare)

Let's take a ride in the 4-H Club-Mobile,  
4-H Club-Mobile  
4-H Club-Mobile, 4-H Club-Mobile  
Let's take a ride in the 4-H Club-Mobile,  
For many long years to come.

Chorus:

For many long years to come,  
For many long years to come,  
Let's take a ride in the 4-H Club-Mobile,  
4-H Club-Mobile, 4-H Club-Mobile,  
Let's take a ride in the 4-H Club-Mobile,  
For many long years to come.

(Second stanza is as follows)

With our club leaders to guide this Club Mobile,



8.

## 18. Yankee Doodle-oodle

(Tune: Solomen Levi)

My name is Yankee Doodle and my home's the  
U.S.A.

I'm getting pretty husky now and growing  
every day.

Columbus brought me over here in fourteen  
ninety-two

And landed me on Plymouth Rock to see what  
I could do. •

Chorus:

O, Yankee Doodle, Doo-dle-do-oo-dle-o-oo

Oh Yankee Doodle, Doo-dle-do-oodle-oo-  
dle-o-oo-dle!

My name is Yankee Doodle and my home's the  
U.S.A.

I'm getting pretty husky now and growing  
every day.

Columbus brought me over here in fourteen  
ninety-two

And landed me on Plymouth Rock to see what  
I could do.

I had an altercation in the spring of  
ninety-eight

When Dewey made a few remarks that carried  
lots of weight.

I did some fancy bottling down Santiago Bay  
And fixed so Ser-ve-ra found it hard to  
get away.

I like to entertain my friends and ask them  
in to dine;

I give them what they want to eat--but don't  
set up the wine.

I've got an even temper as most ev-ry body  
knows,

Provided folks will just refrain from  
treading on my toes.



## 19. 4-H Marching Song

9.

(Tune: Artillery Song)

Over hill over dale,  
As we hit the dusty trail  
The club workers come marching along,  
Come on out, hear them shout  
Achievement members strong and stout,  
As club workers go marching along.

### Chorus:

Then it's hi! hi! hee! We're happy as can be  
Shout out you members loud and strong  
Where e'er you go you will always know  
That club members go marching along  
(Keep them marching)  
That club members go marching along.  
(After first stanza) Club work ho!

Pigs and sheep, pork and beef, chicks and  
corn are growing fine,  
As club members are marching along.  
Girlies fair, laugh and sing  
As they bake and can and sew,  
When club members are marching along.

## 20. Boosting Club Work

We're forever boosting Club Work  
Junior club work on the square  
Our claims are high  
We will reach the sky  
It is no dream  
To fade and die

Good things always waiting,  
We find them every where  
We're forever boosting Club Work,  
Junior Club Work on the square.



10.

## 21. Carry Me Back to South Dakota

(Tune: Carry Me Back to Old Virginny)

Come, let us all work in South Dakota!  
Here's where the Farm Bureau work is sure  
to grow.  
Here's where the fields of golden grain  
are growing,  
Here's where each forward step shall reach  
some happy goal.  
Club boys and Club girls together are striving  
To make the Sunshine State the better for  
our plans  
We give our head, heart, and hands for thy  
service  
We pledge allegiance to our Clubs and to  
our State.

Who said, "We'll work in South Dakota?"  
Club boys and Club girls, from every county  
in the state.  
We've closed the door on fear and on failure  
Farm Bureau, the organization, to whom we  
owe our fate.  
Firm and united we'll work here together  
Always remembering, Achievement is our aim,  
No clubs on earth do we cherish more sincerely  
Than the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of the good  
old U.S.A.

## 22. Good Old Melodies

In the evening by the moonlight,  
You can hear those darkies singing,  
In the evening by the moonlight,  
You can hear those banjo's ringing,  
How the old folks would enjoy it,  
They would sit all night and listen,  
As we sang in the evening by the moonlight.



### 23. Club Boys, Club Girls

11.

(Tune: Reuben, Reuben, I've Been Thinking)

Club boys, Club girls, I've been thinking  
What a sad state this would be  
If the clubs were all transported  
Far away from you and me.

In some states they talk about taxes  
But for these we have no fear  
Purebred pigs and sheep we're raising  
And the prices they are dear.

No more old and faded garments  
You will ever see us wear  
Sewing girls make such "creations"  
That the people turn and stare.

When it comes to canning and baking  
If you should want a bun or two  
Club girls will make some jam and  
put on them  
Club boys will say, "I think you'll do."

Listen and hear the poultry cackle  
See us gather the egg fruit in  
All this wealth is in South Dakota  
We eat with gold spoons instead of tin.

Cheer up, speed up, all ye members  
South Dakota, our home shall be  
We're happy farmers of tomorrow  
And we belong to the 4-H-C.



12.

## 24. Round

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping?  
Brother John, brother John?  
Morning bells are ringing,  
Morning bells are ringing,  
Ding, Ding, Dong,  
Ding, Ding, Dong.

Are you sewing, are you sewing?  
Sister mine, sister mine?  
Morning bells are ringing,  
Morning bells are ringing,  
Ding, ding dong,  
Ding, ding, dong.

Are you hoeing, are you hoeing?  
Sister mine, sister mine?  
Morning bells are ringing,  
Morning bells are ringing,  
Ding, ding, dong,  
Ding, ding, dong.

## 25. Laugh

Build for yourself a strong box,  
Fashion each part with care;  
Fit it with a hasp and padlock,  
Put all your troubles there;  
Hide therein all your failures,  
Each bitter cup you quaff,  
Lock all your heartaches within it,  
Then sit on the lid and laugh!

Tell no one of its contents,  
Never its secrets share,  
Drop in your cares and worries  
Keep them forever there;  
Hide them from sight completely,  
The world will ne'er dream half-  
Fasten the top down securely,  
Then sit on the lid and laugh!



## 26. Ready Let's Go!

13.

(Key of G)

Everybody is invited, this is the day,  
Ready let's go!  
To the big achievement picnic, start right  
away  
Ready let's go!  
Just pack your bag with sunshine,  
Wrapped in a smile  
Bring jolly laughs aplenty, always in style  
No room for gloom, my boy, but joy all the  
while  
Ready, all ready, let's go!

Makes no difference how you travel, it  
isn't far,  
Ready let's go!  
Walking's lots of fun, the going's go,  
for a car  
Ready let's go!  
Stay far away from Gloomtown, keep to the  
right,  
Stick to the Happy Trail with Joyville in  
sight,  
Thro Pleasant Valley and at Funtown alight,  
Ready, all ready, let's go!

There'll be something doing when we rally  
round,  
Ready let's go!  
Care and trouble will be burried deep under  
ground,  
Ready let's go!  
And in the twilight, homeward journey to find  
Sorrow and sadnss have been left far behind.  
Only the songs of gladness linger in mind,  
Ready all ready lets go!



14! 27. We Eat Because We're Hungry

(Key of B flat)

We members of the 4-H Club are famous for  
our Courtesy, Hilarity and Jollity;  
With one peculiarity,

We eat because we're hungry!

We're men of brawn and braverity,

And gentle, sweet simplicity,

And intellectuality, and individuality;

But still my friend, emphatic'ly;

We eat because we're hungry!

We say, in all sincerity now mark it as  
a verity

We dine not with formality, nor care much  
for locality,

We eat because we're hungry!

We crave not great variety

Nor food of high society

No dainties of propriety, nor chef of  
notoriety;

We only claim with piety;

We eat because we're hungry!

We've waited long and hungrily, and we  
have suffered fearfully,

We're stating now, not tearfully,  
but forcibly and cheerfully

We eat because we're hungry!

Away with soups of clarity, and steaks of  
too much rarity,

With names to test mentality, and much  
increase mortality;

Remember most infallibly:

We eat because we're hungry!



## 28. The Golden Rule

15.

(Tune: Glory Hallelujah)

In my mind I see a vision coming beautiful  
and true  
The Golden Rule, by boys and girls kept  
evermore in view,  
The rule of life beneficent, the best for  
me and you,  
As the world goes marching on.

### Chorus:

Glory, glory, hallelujah  
Glory, glory, hallelujah  
Glory, glory, hallelujah,  
As we go marching on.

Let service be our watch word and our  
motto be the test  
"He profits most of all who serves his  
fellowman the best",  
Do right by all and you will find by all  
you will be blest,  
As the world goes marching on.

So sing the praise of 4-H Clubs, wherever  
you may be,  
Till all the world shall join the song,  
o'er every land and sea,  
For 4-H Clubs will always help to make  
all people free,  
As the world is marching on.

## 29. Our Club Will Shine

Our Club will shine tonight our Club will  
shine,  
We'll shine with beauty bright, all down  
the line,  
We're all dressed up tonight, that's one  
good sign;  
When the sun goes down and the moon comes  
up our Club will shine.



18.        34.    **We're Here to See the State Fair**

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

We are winners in the club work from the  
counties of the state,  
We have worked all through the summer,  
now we're here to celebrate;  
We have left the other members hanging on  
the garden gate,

While we came to the State Fair.

Chorus:

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!    Glory, Glory,  
Hallelujah!

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!    Yes we came  
to the Fair.

You may think to win in club work is an  
easy thing to do,

That the road that leads to vic'try is  
quite easy to pursue,

But, believe me, it's a tussel from the  
start till we get thru,

To win and see the Fair.

We are farmer lads and lassies and we know  
just how to toil,

We are always up and doing, making profit  
from the soil,

We raise winning pigs and chickens and can  
fruit that will not spoil,

So we can see the Fair.

When we started in our club work, we went  
in to do or die,

Now we are here while all the others are  
lamenting with a sigh,

And we'll have fun here at Fairtime or  
we'll know the reason why,

While we are at the Fair.



### 35. Parting Song

(Tune: Till We Meet Again)

19.

Four H Club folks that we love so well,  
You're the folks that in our memories dwell,  
When we part from our friends here,  
We'll boost club work all the year,  
And the friends we've met so merrily,  
One and all we'll hold in memory,  
So farewell, Four H friends, we say,  
Till we meet again.

### 36. Our Standard Club

(Tune: The End of a Perfect Day)

When we learn of the work of a Standard Club,  
And we try to achieve this goal,  
As we view the work of the boys and girls,  
Who have labored heart and soul;  
Do you think what a year of such earnest work,  
Can bring to us everyone,  
When the year rolls round and the seal is won,  
That will show what the club has done.

### 37. Bring the Good Old 4-H Sign

(Tune: Marching Through Georgia)

Bring the good old 4-H sign,  
We'll give a hearty cheer,  
For the club work training,  
That it gives us every year,  
Heart and Head and Hands and  
Health are all remembered here,  
In making the best even better.

Chorus:

Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll make the echos ring!  
Hurrah! Hurrah! The Club work is the thing!  
We'll boost the farm and country till old  
Agriculture's king,  
By making the best even better.



## CLUB YELLS

Rickety, rickety, rickety, boom!

Who, which, what, whom?

Boys' Clubs, Girls' Clubs, give us room!

Whats the matter with Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

He's all right!

Who's all right?

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Who says so?

We all say so.

Oh! Rub dub dub!

Our Potato Club!

Treat 'em in a wooden tub!

The big State Prize we hope to take!

For our club, it is no fake!

SSSSSSSSSS!

Bom!

Bah!

Club Work!

## LOCOMOTIVE

Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!

South Da Ko Ta!

(3 times and siren)

Two, four, six, eight,

Who do we appreciate?

(Name yelled 3 times).